

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

- Howard called the meeting to order at 7:15PM with the Flag Salute.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Howard Burnham, Lori Harmon, Wade Andrews, Brady Connors, Gerald Gilpatrick

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

- Courtney Alexander, Joanne Andrews, Aaron Carroll, Scott Dolan, Cheryl Edgerly, Julie Giles, Ellen Gilpatrick, Stan Hackett, Mark Harmon, Deb Jeffries, Bill Jones, Gail Libby, Rick Richardson, Cindy Smith, Audrey Walsh

WARRANT:

- Jerry **motioned** to accept last week's warrants. Lori **seconded**. **Motion passed 3-2 (Howard, Lori, and Jerry were in favor, Wade and Brady were opposed)**
- Lori **motioned** to approve this week's warrants. Jerry **seconded**. **Motion passed 3-2 (Howard, Lori, and Jerry were in favor, Wade abstained, Brady was opposed)**

MINUTES:

- Brady **motioned** to approve the June 30th meeting minutes. Wade **seconded**. **All were in favor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Cindy Smith, Library
 - Cindy told everyone what is going on in the Library and the activities that are held every week and she told everyone that the schedule is on the website and the Facebook page.
- Rick Richardson, Road Commissioner
 - Rick brought up tree limbs that need to come down and that they are working on getting tree limbs that are blocking visibility and brought up that he had been looking at driveway permits. He brought up the DeepVale project and that they had excavated some of the pavement and that it is in the contract to fix the sections that they had excavated. Rick asked about the timeline for the tree take down and Howard brought up that he would let him know when they meet with Dayton Sand and Gravel the next day. Wade asked about the stop signs and if Rick had them replaced and Rick said that yes they had been fixed and the sign by Burnham Road and Doles Ridge was put back up. Jerry brought up the Welcome to Limerick sign and that he will let Rick know when he has picked it up.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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- Audrey Walsh as Parks and Rec director brought up striping the pickleball court and see if people would want to volunteer to stripe it and Howard told her that he has the information for the paint and the layout. She brought up the pavilion and if the materials are bought if volunteers can come together to put it together, and Howard said that he has the materials and Lori brought up checking with the insurance company to see if that can be done. Audrey brought up doing something at the ballfield for the 250th birthday. Wade brought up the picnic table at Boy Scout Island and buying a new one and Audrey brought up the sign there, and Brady said that he was working on getting one put together. Lori brought up the buoys and Audrey told her that she is working on getting them out.
- Joanne Andrews brought up that she would like to donate \$200 for the pickleball court paint for striping and asked other citizens to join together to get the money together and get it done.
- Andy Lehmann brought up that there was a car that went off the road and he called the Fire Department and there was no answer and he had gone to the Fire Station and someone came to the door and the person at the door said that he gave the phone to the office. Andy said that the Fire Chief is there only 20 hours a week for \$40,000 and he lives a couple of towns over. Andy brought up the first fire call that Brady went to and him saying I don't know and brought up the fire in Parsonsfield. Brady said that he had tried to take control of the call, and no one was listening and then got injured 7 minutes into the call. Andy brought up that the problem is leadership and people not knowing what to do and that he has certifications showing his 18 years in the Fire Department. He brought up that when they came to the accident they came with a Fire truck and an ambulance and that they just needed a couple of people to direct traffic and the Fire Department people left and then the state police came. Andy brought up the \$800,000 budget and that the department used to be able to run off a couple of 100,000 and that the Fire Department is more like an ambulance service and that the town voted on having a full time chief. Brady asked if Andy had talked to the Fire Chief about this, and Andy said that he doesn't need to because he's never here. Brady asked if anyone was going to defend the Fire Chief, and when no one said anything, he left. Lori asked if Andy would be willing to meet with the Fire Chief and one of the Selectboard members to let the chief know what is going on and Andy said yes.
- Aaron Carroll got up and made a comment about how he's had conversations with Jared and that he is very responsive and that the Fire Department came when he needed them. Aaron brought up that DeepVale project and that Dearborn is nearing completion and the water and sewer is in and the temporary is all out. Paving will be done either end of this week or next week and Howard asked if they are going to pave where they dug and Aaron said that they are going to pave where they dug and that they are going to do the whole width of the road. Howard brought up sewer/water lines on Allaire Drive and Aaron told him that they are working on that now and the water lines are in and sewer lines are being put in. Howard asked about timeline on that and Aaron said that that was hard on the Planning Board and that the two boards should sit down and talk about things like that.
- Scott Dolan: Thank you. Attorney Scott Dolan and I'm speaking on behalf of the town Treasurer Julie Giles. Last week several or at least a couple of citizens spoke accusing her of theft and fraud. Based on receipt of holiday pay. Now I was shocked to listen to that commentary because this is a conversation I had already had with the Town Attorney. We had resolved this issue. So I want to speak now to clarify in part to defend her name. The accusation that was made that she had stolen town funds by paying herself holiday pay and that is absolutely false.. She had received \$500 per pay period to reimburse her for not taking health insurance which is part of the Personell Policy of the town. It was coded in the

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system as holiday pay because that's been the practice in this town for a long time. Other employees that don't receive their health benefits who opt to decline to take those also receive a \$500 stipend that was coded holiday pay. It was not actually payment for holiday work as salaried employees don't get holiday pay but this is how it was coded and I understand the coding has been corrected on that system and it should be coded differently going forward. I just ask that people in town curb the vitriolic language. Unbeknownst to those who spoke it was false; it was extremely disparaging, and it's incredibly unkind. As a policy of this board not to make disparaging comments about employees, I'd ask folks to abide by that policy and show some basic kindness and maybe ask some questions before you hurl accusations. It's personally hurtful for someone to be receiving end of those comments especially when they are not present and can't defend themselves. I called one of the speakers who said some of these remarks and he was unaware that the comments he had made were misguided and maybe if you asked questions before hurling accusations that would have helped. So I wanted to make that remark and I've heard a lot of disparaging comments about the town Treasurer and a lot of it is misguided and so I'd ask people to please hold fire before making accusations perhaps that are wrong and would be happy to answer questions pertaining to the town Treasurer going forward. Thank you.

- Cheryl Edgerly asked about Stone Hill and why it hadn't been shouldered yet and Rick asked Charlie why it hadn't been done yet and he said that he will ask Dayton if they are willing to help out and Howard said that Rick and him were meeting with Dayton Sand & Gravel tomorrow morning. Cheryl asked about going from wooden posts to metal posts and Rick told her that the wooden posts got put up by DOT and the sign that got knocked down is a DOT and Rick put it back up so that it was there and that DOT recommended wooden posts. Cheryl brought up the turnarounds for snowplowing and brought up roads that need to be added to the contract, and the board discussed talking about it at the next workshop. Rick said that he gave the board a breakdown of the list for a turnaround. Cheryl brought up getting waivers for turnarounds, and Rick said that they have permission up to this date. Lori brought up needing an easement for it to stay with the property. Cheryl brought up the \$750 coming out of the snowplow contractor's money to pay Limington and Cornish for roads that they plow for Limerick and that it needs to be added into the contract. There was a discussion about the shared road with Limington and how that is handled and the payment to the other towns. Cheryl brought up the contract with the Fire Chief only having 2 signatures and that it needs to be looked into and that because it is a 5 person board there needs to be 3 signatures and Lori said that she would check with MMA Legal on that.
- Aaron Carrol made a comment that even though the Planning Board is a 5 member board as long as there are three members for a quorum if two members are in favor then whatever they are voting on will pass.
- Merrill Farrand brought up the litigation in the town and said that Mr. McLean was there when his father-in-law was having health issues and that volunteers who give their time to the town and that there should have been a conversation before bigger steps were taken and that there needs to be a responsive team. Howard made a comment about towns begging for people to get involved in the Fire Department and that there used to be a lot of volunteers in Limerick and that as a board they need to look into what is going on.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **DeepVale Update**
 - This was done during the Hearing of Citizens

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- **Tax acquired Properties**

- Stan brought up the Notice of Decision for CIA Salvage so that Shawn get's due notice. Stan brought up going to a property on the Emery Corner Road and that they cannot be turning the water on because it is theft of services and that no one can live in the camper. He brought up dangerous buildings and how he is going about dealing with them. Stan brought up a hoarder situation and that they have two Connex boxes full of household items and if anyone knows of anybody that can help with taking that stuff to let him know. Stan brought up that he has a contact for veterans who need help with financial or health issues. He brought up abandoned camper and the state rangers will be coming out and taking it away. Stan brought up the tax acquired properties and that he had chosen three realtors to put in proposals for selling some properties and that every week the realtors will be enticed to come in and give information on the buyers and other information. Howard asked which property they were talking about for Peggy Hill to take care of and he was told Map 42 Lot 97 in Lake Arrowhead and the recommended selling price would be \$49,900.00 and all realtors got the same lots and they were all in the ballpark. Howard brought up that he thought we were going to go with only one realtor and Stan told him that to start they have to do three and then if they want to they can pick one and Wade made the comment that it is state law to do three and Casey said that in her opinion it is good to go with multiple agents and Stan said that when the board reassigned it back to Stan they had to start from the beginning again. Howard asked about the one in the circle and he was told that it can't be sold because it is a recreation area and Lori let them know that the person who wanted to buy it is okay with that. Lori brought up the commission on the Coldwell Baker proposal and that if the buyer isn't represented they get an extra 3% on top of the 4% for 7% and she has an issue with that and Stan said that he can let Peggy know to change that. There was a discussion on how things were done before and how there was a requirement for the buyer to have a broker and Lori said that the State of Maine does not require buyers to have agents and she also brought up that there was someone in town who wanted to buy one of the properties and had cash but because she didn't have representation she wasn't allowed to buy the property. Lori asked about having a conflict waiver written up and Casey told her that she did it the way that she thought would be less liability for the town. Howard asked Casey if she had an exclusive listing agreement and no co-broker and Casey told him that she gave half of the commission with the buyer agent. Stan brought up that tax required properties is more involved and complicated than the usual selling of properties. Casey apologized for the experience that the person who had tried to buy one of the properties had and went over different sections of the forms that the board was presented and that the board can have the realtors fill out the forms any way that they want them filled out and the way that they did it before they could get warranty deeds for the properties and there are title companies they found that will close on these properties. Lori brought up putting in 6% for commission and that they can split it between the buyer and seller agents and Stan brought up that he will get in touch with Peggy to go over that with her. Stan brought up the map 46 lot 24,25, and 26 and it was listed at \$60,000 and with 3% commission and that there was nothing put in for the buyer agent. Lori **motioned** to accept Sheila Helmuth proposal. Wade made a comment about not thinking we were going to choose any and Lori said that they should give them all a chance. Jerry **seconded**. **All were in favor**. Casey Gray brought up map 38 lot 3 on

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Fisher Road and she went through all the forms that she has submitted to the board. She is putting listing price at \$55,000 and asked if the board wants her to work with customer buyers and Howard made the comment about not working with customer buyers. Casey brought up putting the listing out tomorrow and having offers due back in by next Tuesday and Howard asked why such a short amount of time and Casey told him that a week is forever in the realty world and Lori said to do two weeks instead of one week. Casey brought up a carry-over clause and that her listings are usually three months in order to do something different if need be. Casey continued to go over the documents that she had been given to the board. Howard asked which lot it is in the map that they have and she said it is just a lake arrowhead survey. Wade **motioned** that we let Casey Gray, ReMax Coastal, list property map 38 lot 3, Fisher Drive. Lori **seconded provided** the section gets changed from yes to no and Casey told her she had already done that. **All were in favor.** Stan asked about keeping it at the two weeks to keep it consistent, and the board agreed. Courtney let everyone know that they are signing policies that they had already voted and approved so that everyone knows what is going on.

- **Payroll companies**

- Lori brought up the interim contract for MRI and that it is just under \$1400 per month. Lori **motioned** to sign the contract for MRI in the interim until we can get a new payroll company on board. Howard **seconded. All were in favor.** Lori brought up that they had met with Bangor Savings Payroll and Paycor which is through Partners Bank payroll companies. Bangor comes out to be around \$1225 a month and Paycor comes out to be around \$950 a month. Jerry brought up the good thing about Paycor is that the representative comes into the Limerick Partners Bank branch. Howard and Wade brought up that Paycor is part of paychecks and the surrounding towns use it. Lori **motioned** that we accept the quote from Paycor to enter into that as soon as possible to get away from MRI to lower the cost. Jerry **seconded. All were in favor.**

- **Boyscout Island Attendant**

- Howard brought up the one applicant that Howard and Jerry interviewed, and the only thing that they needed to let him know was about payment and that it was about \$200. Audrey Walsh asked about why we are hiring someone to open and close the Boy Scout Island and Audrey said that she can close it but if someone opens it that would work and there was discussion on finding someone to open it. Jerry brought up for this year go with the person they interviewed and readdressing it for next year and there was discussion on offering him the job. There was a discussion on offering him the \$200 and when the season is over and it was brought up that it stays open till Columbus Day. Lori brought up having Audrey find someone and Audrey said no. Lori **motioned** that you offer him the position or appoint him if he is willing to accept. Jerry **seconded. All were in favor.**

- **Set workshop for policy review**

- They decided to have the workshop on July 21st from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- There was no new business

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS:

- There were none

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was none

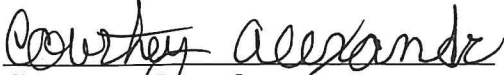
ADJOURN MEETING:

- Jerry **motioned** to adjourn. Wade **seconded**. All were in favor.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: July 14, 2026

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Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Alexander

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